

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 35**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, Austin, TX for the purchase of electrical distribution boxes for the Austin Convention Center in an amount not to exceed \$192,948.82.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Michael L. Simms, Sr., Buyer II/974-9140

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative Purchase.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority – Owned and Woman Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established.

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This contract is for the purchase of various types and sizes of electrical distribution boxes. This purchase coincides with the current electrical upgrade project for the Austin Convention Center and in preparation for the 2008 IEEE Convention which is to take place in November 2008. In preparation for this and other major contracted events, an inventory of event equipment was conducted and compared to the anticipated requirements of those events. The inventory revealed a need for replacing and increasing the current stock levels of these electrical components.

Grainger Industrial Supply is under contract through TXMAS to provide these products to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.